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SUBJECT: MEDICAL CHARGES -- RESPONSE TO COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S MESSAGE

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1. WITH RESPECT TO QUERIES REFTEL, GAO HAS BEEN MIS-INFORMED AS TO FACT"EMBASSY"LEVIED A $20 CHARGE ON BASIS GAO "DECISION" FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL TREATMENT. IN ACTUAL FACT, THE INTERNAL EMBASSY MEDICAL FACILITY IS A US NAVY UNIT, STAFFED BY USN AND CONTRACT BRITISH PERSONNEL. THE UNIT IS A RENT-FREE TENANT OF THE EMBASSY. BUT UNDER THE CONTROL OF US NAVAL ACTIVITIES. UK.
2. EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1977, THE USN MEDICAL UNIT WAS DIRECTED TO INSTITUTE A CHARGE OF $20 FOR TREATMENT OF ALL NON-MILITARY USG OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.
3. THIS GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF A GAO DRAFT REPORT (GAO CODE 90347 RPT 90347) SENT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER) BY DIRECTOR GAO UNDER COVER OF A LETTER DATED 19 OCTOBER 1976. THE LETTER IDENTIFIED ONE HARRY C. KENSKY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF GAO, PHONE 202-275-5198, AS BEING KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE DRAFT REPORT'S CONTENTS. WE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT DOD ISSUED IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS BASED ON THE GAO DRAFT
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REPORT (ENTITLED "LOSS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN REVENUE BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE CHARGES FOR MEDICAL CARE"), WHICH, IN THE CASE OF LONDON'S NAVAL FACILITY, WERE IMPLEMENTED BY CIRCULATION OF BUMED NOTICE 6320 RPT BUMED NOTICE 6320.
4. FYI: WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GAO DRAFT REPORT WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN M/MED AND DOD IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS YEAR END FYI.

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